

October 30, 2020



Family Newsletter



Check out our **now weekly** newsletter to stay informed about what is going on at LPS!

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Upcoming Events

Friday, November 6: End of Term 1

Monday, November 8: Last day for Book Fair

Wednesday, November 11: No School, Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 17: Transition Information Night, 6:00 PM

Thursday, November 19: Partners in Education meeting, 8:00 AM

Wednesday, November 25: Early Release, 11:00 AM

Thursday, November 26: No School, Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 27: No School

Monday, November 30- Friday, December 4: Post Thanksgiving remote week of classes

Wednesday, December 2: Free presentation on Psychological Testing, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 7: In-person school resumes

Wednesday, December 9: Parent Advisory Group meeting, 8:00 AM

Wednesday, December 9: All school Early Release, 11:00 AM

To see the full School Year Calendar, [click here](#)

A message from Kurt

Snow in October!?! Bundle up. We are going to have our windows open and heat cranked up for the immediate future. We do continue to look at air filters that will allow us to shut windows, but until we get them in place . . . it will be chilly. Plus, teachers are going to continue going outside under tents for mask breaks whenever they can. So, thanks for your patience. And please send your student to school with layers!! We keep checking the temperature. Although no room has had an average temperature lower than the 60s, if your chair is by the open window it will feel colder than that!

Speaking of snow and zoom, we will be giving some guidance in the next couple of weeks about our updated snow day policies.

I enjoyed seeing a bunch of Grandfriends earlier this week for our first ever zoom version of this tradition! We had many faces from out of state, showing that not everything about zooming is bad.

Halloween was my favorite holiday growing up. Have a wonderful, safe, and warm weekend!

Kurt

Kurt Moellering, PhD
Executive Director

All School News

General announcements:

Book Fair is open!

Our Scholastic Online-Only Book Fair is happening now through Monday, November 8.

Click here to check out the [Learning Prep On-Line Book Fair](#)

Peanut free

This is a friendly reminder for parents and students:

We are a completely peanut and nut free school. Sharing of any food is strictly prohibited. Please remember to leave all Halloween candy at home; almost all candy poses a risk to those with severe peanut and nut allergies.

Lunch

To see what's coming up on the menu, [click here!](#)

Learning plan for the holidays

Earlier today, an email went out to all families describing a modification to our Learning Plan in the time around the holiday season. To read the entire announcement, [click here](#).

Greenhouse updates

Attached is a [slideshow](#) outlining what we're doing in the greenhouse, what we're growing, and why we're growing it. There's a short virtual Greenhouse tour at the end of the slideshow. Enjoy!

Virtual Family Cooking Night!

Please join Lindsay on **Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm** for a Virtual Cooking Night! On the menu is Butternut Squash and Turkey Chili. Any family interested please RSVP to lcunniff@learningprep.org. The ingredient list and Zoom link will be shared with all participating families



Free Speaker Series event

Neuropsychological and Psychological Testing: Guidance for parents and professionals
By: Dr. David Stein, Psy.D., New England Neurodevelopment, LLC

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
6:00 - 7:15 PM

This presentation will guide families and professionals through the process of neuropsychological and psychological testing from when adults are first concerned about a child, through the testing process itself, and review the expected outcomes from an assessment. The presentation will focus on practical guidance as to how to engage in an assessment and to support children and families using evidence-based methods after testing is completed.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

How to get involved

There are numerous ways for parents to get involved here at LPS. Partners In Education (PIE) and the Parent Advisory Group (PAG) are parent groups which each meet every other month and welcome your involvement. To learn more about the two committees you can visit our website [here](#).

Flu vaccine mandate

Nancy Ishkanian, School Nurse

The flu vaccine is now required for all children attending Massachusetts schools ages 6 months and up. **The deadline to receive the vaccine is 12/31/2020.** This new requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and the overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. If not already included in your child's immunization records already submitted, please submit your child's proof of vaccination to the school nurses via fax (Fax: 617-527-1514), email (nishkanian@learningprep.org) or provide us with a hard copy. Thank you!

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Middle School News

Halloween & Fall pictures for Yearbook

The Yearbook needs YOU to show us how you will celebrate Halloween this weekend. Please send photos of your child in costume or enjoying other fall activities to Emily at edaddario@learningprep.org.

Accessing R.A.P.P. grades

As a reminder, your child is receiving weekly feedback that academic staff complete at the end of each week that you can access via Google Docs. R.A.P.P stands for (Responsibility, Attitude, Participation & Progress).

Counselors have shared your student's R.A.P.P. grade Google folder with you for you to review. If you have not received an email notification about that please be in touch with them with questions.

If you would like further assistance on how to access that folder, please see the attached document with video tutorials that have 4 suggestions based on different devices [Chromebook, Windows laptop, MAC iOS. [You can access that document here.](#)

High School News

Student Council Event TONIGHT!

Just a reminder, that **TONIGHT, Friday, October 30th from 6:30-8:00 pm** there will be a virtual Halloween Celebration!

There will be a costume contest and Halloween trivia with prizes for both! We will also have a special viewing of a Halloween TV special.

Join us via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84371310974>

Hope to see you all there!

TRANSITION INFORMATION NIGHT

ZOOM EVENT

NOVEMBER 17, 2020 6:00PM-8:00PM



A panel of professionals will be available to address common transition topics including:

- *State Agency Services*
- *Guardianship*
- *Public Benefits*
- *IDEA versus ADA*

**Please RSVP by November 13th to
Gretchen Petersen at gpetersen@learningprep.org**

Do you have a work opportunity for our seniors?

The senior Experiential Learning Program (ELP) is looking to expand our remote work opportunities and we would love to collaborate with you! If you or someone you know is affiliated with a company that would be open to working with our students remotely, please let us know. This could include, but is not limited to, data entry, helping to produce mailings, making phone calls and more. Please contact **Abby Heath** at atheath@learningprep.org or 617-965-0764 ext. 271, if you have any questions or opportunities you'd like to discuss.

Other information



Admissions Virtual Information Sessions

The best way to grow our wonderful community is by telling others! If you know someone who may be looking for a place like Learning Prep for their child, please encourage them to attend one of our weekly, Virtual Information Sessions!

Tuesday, 11/3 - 8:30 AM
Thursday, 11/12 - 9:30 AM

RSVPs can be sent to **Korina Martin**,
Director of Admissions at
kmartin@learningprep.org



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